

**State Executive Council (SEC) Executive Committee Meeting  
Hanover Room, 1604 Santa Rosa Road  
Richmond, VA 23229  
November 17, 2016**

**Attending:**

William A. (Bill) Hazel, Jr., M.D., Secretary of Health and Human Resources  
The Honorable Richard “Dickie” Bell, Virginia House of Delegates  
Andrew Block, Director, Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ)  
Courtney Gaskins (*Youth for Tomorrow*) for Greg Peters, President and CEO, UMFS  
Daniela Lewy, Executive Director, Governor’s Children’s Cabinet  
Margaret Schultze, Commissioner, Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS)  
Eric Reynolds, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General  
Scott Reiner, Executive Director, Office of Children’s Services (OCS)  
Marsha Mucha, Administrative Assistant (OCS)

**Absent:**

Cindi Jones, Director, Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS)

**Guests:**

Janet Areson, Virginia Municipal League  
Ashley Everett, Voices for Virginia’s Children  
Allison Gilbreath, Voices for Virginia’s Children

**Call to Order and Approval of Minutes**

Secretary Hazel called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone. The minutes of the August 18, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved without objection.

**OCS Update**

Mr. Reiner reported on the following:

- New OCS Business Manager has been hired to train under the current Business Manager, Chuck Savage, who will be retiring early next year. An additional auditor has also been hired. Both of the new hires started on November 10.
- The OCS IT manager and business management staff are conducting regional trainings on phase one of the new LEDRS system. – The new Local Expenditure, Data and Reimbursement System (LEDRS) was initiated for the 2017 CSA program year. As of July 1, 2016, the new reporting system combines data and expenditure reporting from localities into one report. A single submission process will become effective July 1, 2017.
- Projected expenditures (year to date status) are not available due to a delay in reporting of expenditures by localities. The delay is due in part to acclimation by localities to the new LEDRS reporting system.
- The reports due annually to the General Assembly have been submitted and receipt acknowledged.

**Summary of General Assembly Requests**

Mr. Reiner reported on the following:

- Options for increasing the integration of children receiving special education in private day settings into their home school districts (*2016 Appropriation Act – Chapter 780, Item 285 M (i)*) were submitted and posted on November 1.
- Options for funding educational costs for students placed in psychiatric residential treatment facilities for non-educational reasons authorized by Medicaid (*2016 Appropriation Act – Chapter 780, Item 285 M (ii)*) were submitted and posted on November 1.
- Recommendations on the barriers to the use of special education wraparound funds have been presented to the Commission on Youth.

To date, there have been no questions or requests for additional information received on these three reports.

Mr. Reiner reported that he had been asked to present to the Senate Finance Committee. He noted that the Committee was made aware of the need for approximately \$59M in additional CSA sum-sufficient funding over the biennium. As a follow-up to his presentation, he will meet with Senator Dunnavant at the end of November.

#### **Upcoming changes to DMAS/Magellan Certificate of Need (CON) Process**

Mr. Reiner provided an update on the status of the changes to the CON process for all Medicaid eligible youth who are being referred for potential admission to a psychiatric residential treatment facility (PRTF) or therapeutic group home. Beginning January 2, 2017, assessments will be conducted by an Independent Assessment, Certification and Coordination Team (IACCT). Mr. Reiner further reported that localities have been provided the opportunity to contract with Magellan to provide these services.

During discussion, it was noted that CSA will continue to provide funding for services as duly authorized by the CSA process. Several members expressed continued concerns about the process and questions that still need to be addressed. Secretary Hazel asked that those questions be forwarded to him today.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Dr. Hazel asked that Magellan be invited to make a presentation at the December 15 SEC meeting. A Magellan representative will also be invited to attend future meetings.

#### **Elimination of VICAP – Impact on SEC Policy 6.3**

Mr. Reiner reported that elimination of the VICAP would change SEC policy 6.3, *Community-based Behavioral Health Services* adopted by the SEC on July 31, 2013. He presented amended language to the policy that would address the change.

Members discussed the wording “other qualified provider” and whether or not the licensed mental health professional (LMHP) providing the independent clinical assessment should have knowledge of the public system in order to be qualified to provide the service. After further discussion, it was suggested that Mr. Reiner and Mr. Reynolds address clarification of the language and make a determination and/or recommendation on whether or not the revision would qualify for an abbreviated public comment period under the recently adopted SEC policy.

#### **Finance and Audit Committee Update**

Mr. Reiner reported that, at the Finance and Audit Committee’s last meeting, members discussed considerations and issues regarding the CSA Denial of Funds policy. Mr. Reiner provided Executive

Committee members with background information and the process currently utilized by CSA when findings are reported as a result of the audit process. The goal of establishing a policy would be to provide fair and consistent oversight which would be transparent, flexible, and provide program and fiscal accountability when audit findings are reported.

After further discussion, members agreed that development of the policy should move forward.

**Outcome Committee Update** – Mr. Reiner reported that work continues on the following:

- Data sharing with DJJ to identify CSA children/youth, under the age of 18, who exited the CSA system in 2015 and were subsequently arrested or rearrested within a one-year time period.
- Plans for OCS to join the Virginia Longitudinal Data Set (VLDS).

#### **December SEC Meeting Agenda**

Along with the Magellan presentation, Secretary Hazel asked that a Building Bridges Initiative presentation be added to the December meeting agenda.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.